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From the President



1955 will go down in history as the year in which the first regional library was established in Michigan. The people of Arenac County have voted to continue the library project. So hats off to Muriel Fuller, Leonora Hass, Bill Barth, "The Standish Independent" and all of the interested citizens, young and old, who through their interest and hard work made the vote possible.

For the first time in over a year the State Board for Libraries has its full membership. Mr. Thomas Sinas, of Lansing, was recently appointed to the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Leonard Rall. We welcome Mr. Sinas to membership in M.L.A. and I am

sure that he will find his opportunity to be of service to the libraries of the state to be a rewarding experience.

The District Meetings are about to start as I write this letter. The programs sound very stimulating so I am sure that we will all have a better idea of what the MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION believes as a result of the discussions that are planned.

FLASH! The Senate unanimously approved \$362,000 for general library aid, \$38,000 for special projects and \$25,000 for a branch in the upper peninsula — total \$425,000! This is the first time since 1943 that we have had more than \$362,000.

The M.L.A. and the State Library have participated in two meetings, one with Township Supervisors, the other with a Circuit Judge and representatives of the Michigan Bar Association, to see if a plan can be evolved that will solve the problems of both of these groups as well as insuring adequate support for public libraries. As usual both parties to such a conference learned considerably about the problems of the other party. We are anxious to work out a plan so that we do not have to dissipate our energies each year with fighting bills introduced in the legislature which would divert penal fines from the public libraries to other purposes.

The committees have been functioning very well. A bibliography of films dealing with the library has been prepared by the Public Relations Committee and distributed throughout the state. The Salary, Staff and Tenure Committee have completed the compilation of

salary statistics. The statistics are published in this issue of the MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN.

You have probably received a questionnaire from the Planning Committee relative to the establishment of Reference Centers throughout the state. They need more information before making recommendations.

The Recruiting Committee has written to you asking that you help them to build up a file of 1,000 names of possible library recruits.

Henry Steele Commager will be our banquet speaker at our Conference in October. The School and Children's Section will sponsor a general session of interest to the whole membership on Reading. The Adult Education Section, in addition to a morning meeting, will co-sponsor Ruth Warncke as our speaker at the first general session. We hope that she will be able to tell us about the adult education community projects sponsored by A.L.A.

New ideas for the Conference include a book review session on Wednesday and Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock sponsored by the Book Selection Department of the Detroit Public Library under Miss Harriet Goode.

I was pleased to receive several notes relative to our new format of the MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN. I sent the compliments on to Mrs. Evelyn Tintera, our editor, who deserved them.

Any comments on our year's program? Are we doing the things you want us to do? Drop me a line. I am at your service.

Ethel Yabroff

The Nominations — 1955-56

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Michigan Library Association, the Committee on Nominations presents the following candidates for office in the Association for the coming year. Official ballots are sent to all members in good standing. Results will be announced at the annual conference October 26-29, Hotel Olds, Lansing.

FOR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT (President-elect)

KEITH DOMS, City Librarian, Midland Public Library, 1951 - to date. B.A. University of Wisconsin, 1942; B.S. in L.S., University of Wisconsin Library School, 1947; U. S. Army, 1942-1946; Sub-professional Assistant, District of Columbia, Public Library, 1946; City Librarian, Concord, New Hampshire, 1947-1951; Secretary, New England Library Association, 1948-1950; First Vice-President, New Hampshire Library Association, 1950-1951; Editor, *NEWS LETTER* of the New Hampshire Library Association, 1948-1950; Editor, City of Midland Annual Report, 1951 to date; Member, M.L.A., A.L.A., A.E.A., Torch Club; Member, M.L.A. Legislative Committee, 1952-53; Member M.L.A. Intellectual Freedom Committee, 1952-1953; Vice-Chairman, M.L.A. Adult Education Section, 1953; Treasurer, M.L.A., 1953 to date; Chairman, P.L.D. Architecture Committee, A.L.A., 1954 to date.



STANLEY J. TANNER, Director, Public Libraries of Saginaw. University of Michigan, A.B. 1927; University of Michigan Library School, A.B.L.S. 1934; Librarian, U. S. Industrial Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio 1934-38; State Supervisor, Michigan W. P. A. Library Projects 1938-9; In charge, Architecture Library, University of Michigan 1939-42; Senior Assistant, Technology Department, Detroit Public Library 1942-43; Ranking Senior, Conely and Monnier branches, Detroit Public Library 1943-49; Director, Hamtramck Public Library 1949-53; Director Saginaw Public Libraries 1953 to date. Member A.L.A., M.L.A., Adult Education Association of Michigan, Michigan Historical Society. Member A.L.A. Institutional Libraries Committee 1936-38; Member M.L.A. Planning Committee 1939; Member M.L.A. County Libraries Committee 1939; Chairman Federal Relations Committee 1942; Chairman Institutes Sub-Committee 1943; Member Legislative Committee 1952-53; Chairman Joint Committee on Library Development 1954 to date; Chairman-elect M.L.A. District III 1953; Member Research Committee, Michigan Adult Education Association 1954 to date.



FOR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

MRS. MARIAN FORTIER, Public School Librarian, Iron Mountain. A.B. degree, Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin, 1927. M.S.L.S. degree, University of Wisconsin Library School, Feb. 1954. Elementary School teacher, Hermansville, 1927-28; English teacher, Vulcan High School, 1928-30; High school librarian, Iron Mountain, 1948-1953. Public-school librarian, Iron Mountain, Feb. 1954 to date. Member A.L.A., M.L.A. (membership committee for District 7, 1951-53), M.E.A., M.A.S.L., Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Phi Mu.

TAISTO JOHN NIEMI, Librarian, Northern Michigan College of Education; B.S. Degree, University of Minnesota, 1938. Library Certificate, University of Minnesota, 1946; A.M.L.S. Degree, University of Michigan, 1951; Doctoral work, University of Michigan, 1951; Adult Education Instructor, Aurora, Minnesota, 1938-1941; Member and Corporal, U. S. Army, 7th Division, Field Artillery, 1942-45; Assistant Cataloger, Western Michigan College of Education, 1947-1953; Librarian, Northern Michigan College of Education, 1953 to date. Member A.L.A., M.E.A., M.L.A. and Phi Delta Kappa. Member and U.P. Representative A.L.A. Membership Committee, 1954. Chairman M.L.A. Scholarship Committee, 1954. Member Board of Directors Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers, 1952-53.

FOR SECRETARY

CLOVER FLANDERS, Chief Extension Librarian, University of Michigan General Library. P.H.B., University of Chicago, 1929; B.S.L.S., University of Illinois, 1931. Branch Librarian, Berwyn (Ill.) Public Library, 1931-35; Reference Librarian, Highland Park (Ill.) Public Library, 1935-42; Librarian, School of Education, University of Michigan, 1942-44; Librarian, University of Michigan Detroit Branch, 1944-48. Present position, 1948 to date. Member: A.L.A., M.L.A., Ann Arbor Library Club, Friends of the Ann Arbor Library. Chairman, M.L.A. Adult Education Section 1947-48; Chairman, M.L.A. Public Relations Committee, 1948-49; Chairman, M.L.A. Institute Committee, 1950-52. M.L.A. Secretary, 1954-55.

MRS. ROBERTA KENISTON, Reference Librarian, Michigan State Normal College Library, Ypsilanti, Michigan; PhB., University of Chicago, 1927; M.A.L.S., University of Michigan, 1951; Assistant, Ann Arbor Public Library, 1951-52; Reference Librarian, Michigan State Normal College Library, 1952 to date. Member: A.L.A., M.L.A., Ann Arbor Library Club; Secretary-Treasurer, M.L.A. District 3, 1952-53; Member, M.L.A. Intellectual Freedom Committee, 1952 to date; President, Ann Arbor Library Club, 1953-54.

FOR TREASURER

CLARE SERGEANT, A.B., University of Michigan, 1946; A.B. in L.S., University of Michigan, 1947; Librarian Umatilla County Library, Pendleton, Oregon, 1949-53; Assistant Director, Jackson Public Library, 1953 to date. Member: A.L.A., M.L.A., Legislative Committee; Vice-Chairman, District II.

JAMES C. STERLING, Librarian, Phelps Free Library, Big Rapids; A.B., Olivet College, 1950; Library Certificate, Western Michigan College, 1952. U.S. Marine Corps, 1943-46. Page Western Michigan College Library, 1951-52; Assistant Librarian Van Buren County Library, Paw Paw, 1952. Periodical Department Librarian Western Michigan College, Summer Session, 1954; Librarian, Phelps Free Library, Big Rapids, 1953 to date. Member: M.L.A., A.L.A., Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club. Member Public Relations Committee M.L.A., 1952-54; Secretary-Treasurer District IV M.L.A., 1954-55 and Consultant, Michigan State Library Workshop Staff, 1955.

FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE (Trustee group 1955-57)

WILLIAM J. CUMMINGS, Insurance Broker-President Board of Trustees, Carnegie Library, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; Vice-President, Trustees Section, M.L.A., 1953-54-55. Past Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Sault Ste. Marie. Member: Legislative Committee M.L.A., 1953; Past Chairman District 7, M.L.A.

MRS. DOROTHY E. LATSON has held various offices in Napoleon P.T.A., serving on the Executive Board each year, seven years as a 4-H leader, Board of Jackson County 4-H leaders association. Township chairman of Cancer Society for six years; Active in Farm Bureau, Secretary of Bureau and on the County Woman's Farm Bureau Board. Norvell Township Clerk for the past two years. Member Jackson County Library Board, 1954 to date.

FOR ALA COUNSELLOR (1955-58)

MRS. MARY DAUME, B.A., College of Wooster, 1934; Western Reserve University School of Library Science, B.S. in L.S., 1935; Librarian Fairmount High School, Dayton, Ohio, 1935-36; St. Mary's Public Library, St. Mary's, Ohio, 1936-38; Monroe County Library, 1947 to date. Member: A.L.A., M.A.V.A., M.L.A., M.E.A.; Chairman, County Library Section, M.L.A., 1950; Chairman, District II, M.L.A., 1951; Chairman, Legislative Committee, M.L.A., 1952-53; Chairman, Interim Study Committee, M.L.A., 1952-53; Currently Chairman, Committee to Study Penal Fines Law, County Library Section, M.L.A.; Secretary, Audio-Visual Round Table, A.L.A.; Member, Committee to Study Library Laws, M.L.A.; Member, Committee on Relations with Publishers, M.L.A.

MRS. FRANKLIN M. RECK, Homemaker; Secretary to her author husband, Franklin M. Reck; B.S., Iowa State College; Home Economics teacher, Iowa, Colorado and Michigan, 1924-29; President, Detroit Council of Camp Fire Girls, 1923-37; Past President Manchester Township Library Board, and member since 1943; Chairman, District II, Trustees Section, M.L.A., 1947-50; Member Membership Committee, Trustees Section, 1951; Member-at-Large (Trustee Group) M.L.A., 1952-55; Secretary, Trustee Section, 1953-54.

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A.L.A. Conference Workshops

July 2-3, Book Selection Work Conference, Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. Series of working sessions for librarians to discuss items which should go into library selection policy. Registration limited to 300. Send registration fee, \$3.00, to Paul Bixler, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

July 2-3, pre-conference Audio-Visual Institute. Registration, \$2.00 for Institute, banquet, \$6.50. Write to Mrs. Grace Stevenson, A.L.A. Headquarters, Chicago.

Rutgers University

June 28 - July 1, Institute on Improving Adult Education Services in the Public Library. Write to Director of the Summer Session, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

University of Michigan

Two week workshop, August 1-12 for public librarians. Subject: "The Librarian as a Community Leader". Carries two hours graduate credit in Library Science.

School Library Workshop, August 1-12, will emphasize non-book materials and techniques in elementary and high school libraries. Carries two hours graduate credit in Library Science. For further information write Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

University of Illinois

Regular summer session, June 20 - August 13. For further information write Acting Director of the Library School, University of Illinois, Urbana.

Second Map Workshop, July 11-22. Lecture and Discussion on the reading, history, bibliography, classification, cataloging, and use of maps, atlases and aerial photographs. Non-credit course. For further information write Associate Director, University of Illinois Library School, Urbana.

University of Chicago

Midwest Workshop in Community Human Relations, July 25 - August 12, University of Chicago campus. Write Dr. Lester Asheim, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37.

Michigan State University

School librarians summer session, June 21 - July 29. Two-three credit courses being offered. Direct inquiries Dean, School of Education, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Scholarships available for 7th annual workshop in Economic Education, August 1-19. For information write to Dean, School of Education.

Western Michigan College

A more extensive program for the preparation of librarians for school, public, county and regional libraries will be offered in the 1955 Summer Session at Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo. The session will extend from June 20 to July 29th. Enrollment will take place in the Administration Building on the West Campus on Monday, June 20th. Students who are planning to attend for the first time should make application in advance and send transcripts of college records to the Registrar. Graduate students should make advance application directly to the Graduate Division. As usual there will be dormitory accommodations available and reservations may be made in the offices of the Dean of Women or the Dean of Men.

Three courses in the graduate program for school librarianship will be offered:

Subject Bibliography, 2 semester hrs.
Foundations of Librarianship,

2 semester hrs.

Seminar in Administrative Problems in School Libraries, 2 semester hrs.

The five courses open to both graduate and undergraduate students are:

Reading Interests of Young Adults, 2 semester hrs.

Selection of Reading Materials, 2 semester hrs.

Curriculum Enrichment Materials, 2 semester hrs.

Reference Service, 2 semester hrs.

Introduction to Classification and Cataloging, 4 semester hrs.

In addition to the above courses there will also be offered three undergraduate courses:

Organization of Library Materials, 2 semester hrs.

Administration of School Libraries,
2 semester hrs.

Field Assignment (In the Campus
School Library), 1-3 semester hrs.

For bulletins and further information write the Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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THANK YOU:

For copies of March, 1953 issues of the *Michigan Librarian* and your notes and comments concerning new format of *M.L.*

HONORARY MEMBERS:

M.L.A. would like you to join section or sections of interest to you. List section interest on postcard and send to Executive Secretary.

NEW DIRECTOR:

Carol Thomas, Kent County Library, Grand Rapids. Formerly head of audio-visual department, Dearborn, held administrative position in libraries of Nurnberg Military District, Germany.

TRUSTEES:

Executive Board of Trustees Section meets June 10, 10:30 A.M., Fernald Public Library.

AVAILABLE:

Index to Inside Michigan, from July 1951 through September 1954 prepared by Donald Toepfer, Reference Department, Kalamazoo Public Library. Two supplements with Index cover last quarter of 1954 and first quarter of 1955. Copies \$1.00, Kalamazoo Public Library.

M.L.A. REPRESENTATIVE:

The Reverend Andrew Lemke, Allegan, goes to Washington to testify for the Library Services Bill.

DIED:

Louis Pingel, treasurer, New Baltimore Public Library Board for 14 years.

GIFT:

New Baltimore Public Library received from City the entire building which library now occupies. Now in process of remodeling.

AWARDS:

Detroit Public Library awarded 25 year gold service pins to all persons currently on staff. One hundred pins presented to 8 Department Heads, 12 Branch Librarians, 44 general professional assistants, 33 non-professional staff members and Mr. Charles Mohrhardt, Miss Ruth Rutzen and Mr. Ralph Ulveling.

PROMOTED:

Detroit Public Library personnel: Mr. Lynn Douglas Bartlett, head Henry Chaney Branch; Frances Geddes, First Assistant, Conley Branch; Kenneth Hartline, Chief of Division, Monteith Branch; Mary Masterton, First Assistant, Butzel Branch; Jeanne Marie Norris, First Assistant, Film Service Department, Main Library; William Peters, Chief, Film Service Department, Main Library; Albert Rabjohns, First Assistant, Gray Branch; Mrs. Bertha Wemmers, Head Foreign Language Department, Downtown Library; Barbara Westby, Reference Services Catalog Supervisor; and Irving Wiseman, First Assistant, Lothrop Branch.

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• BOOKS for RETARDED READERS . . .

A graded list prepared by Pauline G. Matthews, special reading teacher, and Helen Perdue, librarian, Dundalk Elementary School, Baltimore. Here is help for the child whose interests have outdistanced his reading skills. For such a child in the elementary school there have been comparatively few lists available. The titles included here have been used with reluctant readers, tested for difficulty and reader appeal.

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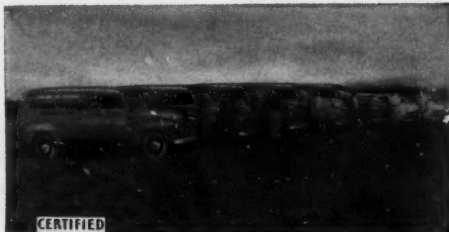
The first in a series of letters has gone out from your Recruiting Committee asking for your assistance in building up our file of names of prospective librarians. Your committee feels that recruiting for our profession is *our* responsibility so we are approaching you directly. However, because of the expense involved, we are sending letters to libraries only — not to individuals — and our first went out with a regular mailing from the State Library (again in the interests of economy).

If you haven't seen our request, please ask about it at your main headquarters. Our second letter will probably go out about the time you receive this issue of your *Michigan Librarian*. Watch for it, won't you please? And then take some action by sending your committee some prospects.

What are we going to do with these names? We hope to keep track of these

individuals until they are in library schools, and then into positions (in Michigan, we hope). Some of them will be high school students, some in the first college years, some college graduates — wherever they are we want to keep them informed about library affairs in general; about scholarship and loan funds available; about library school fields of specialization. We hope we can arrange visits to different types of libraries for them, and we want the college librarians to keep track of them while on their campuses. We'll talk with their parents if that seems advisable. In fact — anything to keep up their interest in us.

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Statistics of Salaries of Michigan Librarians

Compiled by a sub-committee of the Salary, Staff and Tenure Committee of the Michigan Library Association
Only professional positions are included in this summary.

POPULATION	No. of Libraries	No. Reporting	LIBRARIAN			ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN			MENT	D
			Minimum	Maximum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average		
100,000 - 500,000	4	4	5500.00	10909.00	8799.00					
75,000 - 99,999	5	4	5600.00	7070.00	6442.50	5400.00	6040.00	5666.66		
50,000 - 74,999	9	9	4060.00	7500.00	5346.33	4100.00	5005.00	4535.25		
25,000 - 49,999	11	11	3400.00	8612.20	5398.47	5071.00	5096.00	5083.50		
20,000 - 24,999	8	8	4200.00	7000.00	4852.58	3300.00	4563.12	3931.04		
16,000 - 20,000	14	11	3300.00	5000.00	4146.70	3400.00		3400.00		
13,000 - 15,999	11	7	3600.00	6000.00	4492.28					
10,000 - 12,999	7	4	3300.00	4800.00	4025.00					
7,500 - 9,999	15	5	3200.00	4275.00	3511.00					
5,000 - 7,499	31	12	3300.00	4700.00	3926.92					

SALARIES OF MICHIGAN LIBRARIANS IN 1950

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				4510.00

HENRY COMMAGER, CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Dr. Henry Steele Commager is a professor of history at Columbia University. He has written many history textbooks and has contributed to many magazines. In 1929, he was given a national award by the American History Association. Recently he was presented with a Michigan State College

Centennial Award.

A member of the faculty of Columbia since 1929, Dr. Commager served during World War II with the War Department and Office of War Information in Britain and also as a consultant in France. In 1946, he received the War Department "Citation of Merit".

A recent book by Mr. Commager, "Freedom, Loyalty and Dissent", was

Libraries Over 5,000 Population as of June 30, 1954

Statistics of the Michigan Library Association from information on file at the Michigan State Library.

SALARY GRADE	SALARY RANGE	AVERAGE	BRANCH LIBRARIAN			PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT			Average Days Vacation	Average Days Sick Leave	Civil Service
			Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average			
1.00	5644.00		3450.00	5925.00	4932.00	3302.00	5925.00	4212.00	19+	10.0	0
2.00	5054.00		3481.00	5743.00	4633.50	2800.00	4684.00	4014.70	20.0	11.0	0
3.00	4600.37		3500.00	5300.00	4124.14	3600.00	4524.00	3905.50	18.0	14.0	0
4.00	4719.39		6339.30	6589.00	6464.15	3200.00	5030.30	4016.57	19.3	13.6	2
5.00	3910.00					4000.00		4000.00	17.5	9.0	2
6.00	3325.00								17.5	14.0	0
7.00	3553.33								18.4	7.0	0
8.00									24.0	9.0	0
9.00									18.0	10.0	0
10.00	3100.00								15.0	8.2	0

LIBRARIES IN 500,000 POPULATION AS OF JUNE 30, 1954

DEPARTMENT CHIEFS (25)	DIVISION CHIEFS (22)	ASS'T CHIEFS OF DEPT. (7)	Vacation	Leave Sick
6151.00 - 6975.00	5596.00 - 5968.00	5404.00 - 5774.00	20	17
LIBRARIAN II (127) 4510.00 - 5126.00	LIBRARIAN I (54) 4105.00 - 4437.00			

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M.L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY SECTION MEETING

The County Library Section of the M.L.A. met in Lansing March 9th and 10th. The two day meeting was devoted to Penal Fines: what they are,

where they come from, formula for their distribution, etc.

Wednesday evening, March 9th, the County Librarians were hosts to their Senators and Representatives at a dinner held at the Y.M.C.A. A panel of five people discussed what Penal Fines have done for County Libraries. A question period followed the panel.

Kay Wilson, Chairman

Preliminary Conference Program

MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Hotel Olds

Lansing, Michigan

October 26 - 29, 1955

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

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| 9:00 A.M. - 8:30 P.M. | REGISTRATION — Exhibits open all day |
| 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon | ADULT EDUCATION SECTION
Panel Discussion of work with Groups in Public Libraries |
| 12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M. | HOSPITAL LIBRARY SECTION LUNCHEON
Speaker — Esther Middlewood, Michigan Dept. of Mental Health, "The Challenge of Mental Health" |
| 12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M. | COUNTY LIBRARY SECTION LUNCHEON
(Speaker to be announced) |
| 2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. | PUBLIC RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES JOINT PROGRAM |
| 4:15 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. | BOOK REVIEWS
Miss Harriet Goode, Head, Book Selection Department, Detroit Public Library |
| 8:30 P.M. | FIRST GENERAL SESSION
Miss Ruth Warncke, A.L.A. Representative Director of the American Heritage Program
(Additional speaker to be announced) |

10:00 P.M.

RECEPTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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| 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | REGISTRATION — Exhibits open |
| 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 P.M. | SECOND GENERAL SESSION
(Speaker to be announced) |
| 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. | TRUSTEE SECTION BOARD MEETING |
| 12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M. | COLLEGE SECTION LUNCHEON
(Tour of Michigan State University Library) |
| 12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M. | TRUSTEE SECTION LUNCHEON
Speaker, Rev. Allan Gray, Trustee of Chesaning, "Responsibilities of the Trustee to the Library, Library Board and the Community" |
| 2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. | LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Evaluating Techniques for Establishing Libraries in New Areas |
| 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. | FILM PREVIEWS |
| 4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. | LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY TEA |
| 6:30 P.M. | CONFERENCE BANQUET
Speaker: Dr. Henry Steele Commager, Professor of History, Columbia University |

FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 28

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| 9:00 A.M. - 8:30 P.M. | REGISTRATION — Exhibits open |
| 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. | THIRD GENERAL SESSION
M.L.A. Statement of Belief |
| 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | REFERENCE SECTION LUNCHEON
(Speaker to be announced) |
| 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | CATALOGUE SECTION LUNCHEON
(Speaker to be announced) |
| 2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. | (Speaker to be announced) |
| 2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. | LIBRARY TOURS |
| 4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. | BOOK REVIEWS
Miss Harriet Goode, Head, Book Selection Dept., Detroit Public Library |

8:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.	FOURTH GENERAL SESSION "Why Children Can't Read." (Speaker to be announced). Sponsored by School and Children's Section
	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.	REGISTRATION — Exhibits open
8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S SECTION BREAKFAST Annual Business Meeting
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon	FIFTH GENERAL SESSION Evaluation of Conference
12:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	CONFERENCE LUNCHEON "Spotting the Author's Bias." (Speaker to be announced)
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MEETING OF OLD AND NEW M.L.A. EXECUTIVE BOARDS, COMMITTEE AND SECTION CHAIRMEN

Conference Information

Conference Registration

The Michigan Library Association Registration Desk will be open at nine o'clock each morning of the conference.

The daily schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 26

9 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Thursday, October 27

9 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Friday, October 28

9 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Saturday, October 29

9 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

Registration for the entire conference	\$3.00
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Banquet, Thursday, October 27....	4.25
Luncheons	3.00
Breakfast Saturday, October 29....	2.50

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Friday — 9 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Saturday — 9 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

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WHAT ABOUT CENSORSHIP?

(Request from the
Intellectual Freedom Committee)

The Core Committee of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Michigan Library Association at a meeting held March 22, 1955, voted to ask Association members through the *Michigan Librarian* the following questions to discover if there have been any recent attempts at censorship of books and other materials in school, college, and public libraries of Michigan. The Committee has no preconceived idea that censorship is a serious problem in Michigan libraries; indeed, all the evidence available or rather the lack of it points to the opposite conclusion. This limited survey is intended to collect material on the subject which will be of interest to the membership.

1. Within the past year have there been in your library any actions taken or incidents encountered which you considered to constitute actual or threatened censorship of books or other library materials?
2. If the answer is "yes" to question one, list the books or materials which were involved.
3. If the answer is "yes" to question one, was the problem solved, and, if so, how.

You may address your reply to any of the following members of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Michigan Library Association.

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Ann Arbor, Michigan
Mrs. Marie Webster, District III
Mumford High School
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Tawas City, Michigan
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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMO

To: All M.L.A. Members
From: The Legislative Committee
Subject: Status report, April 27, 1955
on Legislative activities.

On March 31, 1955, M.L.A. had its hearing on state aid before the Senate Appropriations Committee. From all reports and from comments from the Budget staff, it was a good hearing. In addition to Ethel Yabroff, President of M.L.A., Mary Mitchell, Chairman of the Legislative Committee and Marjorie Silver, Legislative Committee member, we had two citizen representatives from our demonstration regions, Grand Traverse and Iosco-Arenac. Mrs. Molly Sabowski spoke most effectively on the bookmobile service; what it meant to the rural communities in the Grand Traverse Area. Mr. Edward Perlberg, editor of the *Arenac Independent* in Standish, explained how the State Library had conducted the demonstration in Iosco-Arenac Counties and told of the enthusiasm with which it was being received. He has devoted much space to the promotion of the project in his paper. Mrs. Yabroff, Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Silver explained why an increase from \$362,000 to our \$450,000

request was a necessity due to higher costs in books and equipment, and our increase in population served.

And here's real good news! Michigan now has its first regional library. In the general election on April 4, 1955, the citizens of Arenac County voted by a good majority, to join with Iosco County in the support and maintenance of the Iosco-Arenac Library. This is important news in library history in Michigan.

One of the bookmobiles which is being used in the Grand Traverse demonstration was on exhibit in front of the Capitol April 21, 1955 from ten to two. Mrs. Terese Flaherty fortified by two bookmobile librarians and several Legislative Committee members invited senators and representatives to see the bookmobile. Much interest and enthusiasm was expressed and a goodly number of legislators stopped to visit it.

Penal Fine Diversion Bills

You will remember from your Legislative Newsletter, No. 2, that we were successful in having S.1019 returned to Committee. On April 12, 1955, House Bill 441 was introduced by Representative Brigham. This bill provides the fines, penalties and forfeitures for the violation of township ordinances would revert to the general funds of the townships. We have scheduled a hearing with the Committee on Towns and Counties for April 28, 1955. We hope we can defeat this bill in Committee.

Representatives of M.L.A. and of the Circuit Judges Association on March 31, 1955 agreed to make a study of county law libraries. Our objective is to work out a plan agreeable to the judges and to M.L.A. for the maintenance of county law libraries as well as county and public libraries. M.L.A.'s Committee on the Study of Library Laws will work on this study.

NEWCOMER'S DAY MEETING

Wednesday, March 30 was a fine Spring day especially ordered by M.L.A. for the second annual Newcomer's Day. About one hundred newcomers to Michigan libraries gathered at the Mich-

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igan Union in East Lansing to spend the day together, meeting, learning and lunching, and to be welcomed into the family of Michigan librarians.

The informational part of the meeting was opened by Mrs. Fyan and Mr. Yabroff, who conducted a two-man symposium entitled, "The Michigan Picture". All very informal, but a surprising amount of information ensued about state aid, penal fines, the State Library, the State Board for Libraries, and other data important to Michigan librarians.

The afternoon session was planned to paint a rosy, but accurate, picture of M.L.A. projects and objectives designed to acquaint newcomers with the importance and desirability of active participation in the Association. In a talk based on his own experience in library associations, Mr. Ulveling offered an unsolicited testimonial to M.L.A., attesting to its vitality today as compared with earlier days. To the newcomers he recommended M.L.A. meetings as an opportunity for self-ex-

pression and a practical start in public speaking, sooner or later required by all librarians.

Mrs. Yabroff followed with previews of the forthcoming district meetings and the annual conference. Her list of speakers and events was impressive.

"M.L.A. in Action," the final portion of the meeting, was a report on the current programs of representative M.L.A. Committees by their chairmen, Katharine Harris, Mary Mitchell, Alberta Massingill, Hazel De Meyer, and Dorothy Hagerman. Newcomers

learned that M.L.A. is exerting effective pressure on the State Legislature to increase state aid, preserve penal fines, and promote library service in rural areas. The new recruiting program, plans for establishing regional reference centers and the M.L.A. statement of belief were described with enthusiasm.

After this sample of what M.L.A. is doing and what it offers, Mr. Chait invited the newcomers to volunteer for committee work next year, and many did so.

M.L.A. School and Children's Spring Institute

The annual two day Spring Institute sponsored by the School and Children's Section of the M.L.A. was held at Kellogg Center, East Lansing, April 15 and 16. Well over 150 registered. Thanks to Miss Alice Ludwig and Miss Elinor Yungmeyer, the Book Fair at Red Cedar School was held over through Friday especially for those attending the Institute.

The opening meeting was held in the auditorium of the Red Cedar School

when Miss Helen Armstrong of the Toronto Public Library, Toronto, Canada spoke on the subject, "Encouraging the Child to Read after the Mechanics of Reading have been Mastered". Miss Armstrong stressed the enjoyment children find in reading, pointing out that if children learn the delight of reading at an early age, technical difficulties are apt to diminish. The difficulty of reading varies inversely with the enjoyment derived.

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She called attention to the fact that children actually prefer the best if it is made available and presented with enthusiasm and critical discernment.

Friday evening a lively panel discussion on Challenging Books was held at Kellogg Center. The panel was comprised of three members of the Section's Book Committee: Miss Priscilla Bancroft, Lansing; Miss Alice Stevens, Kalamazoo; with Mrs. Mary Gaboda, Grosse Pointe, as Chairman.

At the Saturday morning meeting, two speakers, Mr. Charles Norford, Audio Visual Center, Michigan State College, and Dr. Moiree Compere, Speech Department, Michigan State College, discussed audio visual materials and TV respectively.

Mr. Norford emphasized the advantage of a library program which combined audio visual with printed materials, and gave practical suggestions for using this combination effectively.

Speaking on "The Robot Reader and Imaginative TV", Dr. Compere stressed the impact which TV has on reading interests. She stressed also the opportunity we have to capitalize on the child's receptivity to suggestion via this medium. Television can direct a child's reading interest to books of real worth just as readily as to the poor and the mediocre.

The Institute concluded Saturday with a luncheon at which Mrs. Natalie Carlson of Newport, Rhode Island, spoke on the subject "Why I Like to Write for Children". Mrs. Carlson is the author of two favorite books for children: *THE TALKING CAT*, and other stories of French Canada, and *ALPHONSE THAT BEARDED ONE*. A third book, *WINGS AGAINST THE WIND*, will be published shortly by Harper. The delightful humor evident in all her stories crept into Mrs. Carlson's talk as she reminisced about her French Canadian fore-bears.

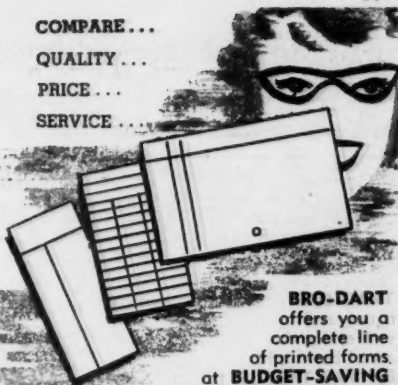
The Institute Planning Committee consisted of Miss Frances Whitehead (Detroit), Program chairman; Miss Hazel Brown (Royal Oak); Miss Louise Hetherington (Wayne County); Miss Laura B. Long (Midland); Mrs. Elizabeth B. Young (Flint); Miss Opal Ziemer (Dearborn); and Miss Jean Taylor (Grosse Pointe), Section chairman.

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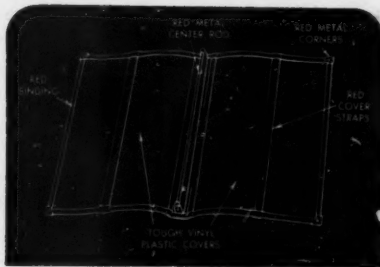
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Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs Passes Two Library Resolutions

Two important resolutions were recently passed by the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs to aid library development in Michigan.

The groundwork for the passing of these resolutions was done by Mrs. Arthur Ernest Maw, Chairman of Libraries for the State Federation who conceived the idea of the Bookmobile Fund along with Mrs. H. S. Breathwaite, Chairman of Education. Mrs. George Hunter, St. Johns, former member of the State Board for Libraries and a past president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. D. Otis Tewksbury, Chairman of the Trustees Section, M.L.A. and Convention Chairman for the M.S.F.W.C. worked with Mrs. Maw to secure passage of the resolution setting up the bookmobile fund.

Mrs. Fannie S. Noonan, Director of State Aid for Public Libraries, Michigan State Library, attended meetings of the Federation and worked closely with the group.

It is hoped that libraries will urge their local clubs to contribute to the Bookmobile Fund and to commend their clubs on the passage of these two resolutions.

Resolution

State Library, State Grants to Public Libraries and Library Development

Whereas, Women's Clubs have long been instrumental in organizing and fostering public libraries, in recognizing the value of public library service and the urgent need to strengthen and extend such a program; and

Whereas, the State Library has been without adequate housing since the disastrous fire in 1951, handicapping its program of services to public libraries and the 830,000 individuals without libraries;

Be It Resolved, that the M.S.F.W.C. in convention assembled March 30, 31 and April 1, 1955 urges an increase in the state grants to public libraries, with special appropriations for the development of projects serving large areas cooperatively, and

Further resolved, urges appropriation

of funds for a Regional Library Demonstration in the Grand Traverse Area, and

Further resolved, urges the establishment of a branch of the Michigan State Library in the Upper Peninsula, to serve and strengthen both public and school libraries by increasing the availability of vital services and consultant help.

Further resolved, that the legislature be urged to appropriate funds to plan a State Library and Law Building in the Capitol Development Area which will provide adequate facilities for library services so necessary to library development throughout the State of Michigan, and

Further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Honorable G. Mennen Williams; the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Michigan Senate, Honorable Elmer H. Porter; the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives, Honorable Joseph Warner. (Copy also sent to Senator Hittle, Chairman, Legislative State Office Building Committee).

Resolution *Bookmobile*

Whereas, this administration of the General Federation of Women's Clubs has enlisted the aid of the American Library Association and the Michigan State Library in an effort to strengthen and extend the public library program throughout the United States; and

Whereas, the M.S.F.W.C. has always recognized the value of the public library service and the need to extend this service, particularly the great need for bookmobile service in rural areas; and

Whereas, the evaluation of the 1954 Michigan State Library Questionnaire showed that 59% expressed a very strong feeling for "Library Service for ALL"; therefore

Be It Resolved, that the M.S.F.W.C. in convention assembled March 30, 31, April 1, 1955, aid this program by the establishment of a Michigan State Library Bookmobile Fund.

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In Memoriam

William Warner Bishop

In the death of William Warner Bishop on February 18, the library world has lost one of its commanding figures, and Ann Arbor librarians a true and steadfast friend. He was a scholar, an able administrator, a bibliophile, and an inspiring teacher. Born in Hannibal, Missouri, in 1871, he was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1892, receiving a Master's degree in 1893, his academic work providing him with the foundation of classical scholarship upon which his career as a librarian was built. He was appointed Superintendent of the Reading Room at the Library of Congress in 1907 and held that position until 1915 when he came back to Michigan as librarian of the University. Here he remained — for twenty-six years — until his retirement in 1941.

Mr. Bishop was long a leader in the library profession. Through his writings and his addresses at library and other educational conferences he greatly influenced and furthered the library movement. That his scholarship, ability and wise counsel were widely recognized is evidenced by the high honors conferred upon him by educational institutions at home and abroad, and by the many important offices he held in library organizations. He was president of the American Library Association 1918 to 1919, president of the Bibliographical Society of America 1921 to 1923, chairman of the American Library Association committees on international relations and cooperation with other countries, and was on several occasions the official delegate to foreign conferences. He was vice-president of the International Federation of Library Associations from 1929 to 1931, its president from 1931 to 1936, and later its honorary president. Under the sponsorship of the Carnegie Corporation he supervised the reorganization of the Vatican Library in Rome.

Through his many visits to Europe and his cordial relations with librarians and book dealers there, he made himself as Herbert Putnam has said "pre-eminent among us in international endeavour".

Frances A. Hannum

Miss Frances Hannum, until recently librarian of the Public and School Libraries of Ann Arbor, died after a brief illness on January 25, 1955. She had retired as Librarian in 1951, but continued to serve the library in many ways both directly and indirectly.

Her years of service to Ann Arbor extended from 1928 to 1951. They were marked by a large expansion of the resources of the library, particularly in the school system where libraries were installed in the older buildings as well as in the new ones. The work was done modestly, without wide publicity but most effectively.

She performed a valuable service in compiling a history of the public libraries in Washtenaw County which was published in the *Washtenaw Impressions* for May, 1948.

Miss Hannum was civic minded. She was active in community politics, a member of several organizations and of state and national professional societies. She served as president of the Wisconsin Library Association in 1920 and of the Michigan Library Association in 1940. While president of the M.L.A. she was instrumental in removing the position of State Librarian from the realm of politics and securing the services of a professional librarian for this high office. During her term of office, district meetings of the state organization were held for the first time.

Her early home was in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Before coming to Ann Arbor she had been connected with libraries in Pottsville, Pa., Newark, New Jersey, and Racine, Wisconsin. She attended the University of Wisconsin and graduated from the Wisconsin Library School.

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